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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a list of patents and publications pursuant to the duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (g) and (h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that the information cited is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Applicants also wish to make the Examiner aware of co-pending applications:

10/714447, filed on Nov. 17, 2003;
10/477642, a PCT national phase filed on May 16, 2002;
10/533654, a PCT national phase filed on November 5, 2003;
10/533764, a PCT national phase filed on November 5, 2003;
10/533744, a PCT national phase filed on November 5, 2003; and
11/243623, filed on October 5, 2005.

In accordance with the U.S. Patent Office's partial waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), only copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent publications are enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits and therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), no fee is required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

Respectfully submitted,

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